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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: S. SAMESHIMA, et al

Serial No.: 09/459,342

Filed: December 13, 1999

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR INTEGRATING DISTRIBUTED INFORMATION

Group: 3624

Examiner: E. Colbert

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

September 19, 2005

Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of the September 14, 2005 Communication wherein the Examiner indicated that the May 23, 2005 Amendment filed in response to the December 21, 2004 Office Action is not fully response to the December 21, 2004 Office Action because Applicants' claims 40, 41 and 43-48 depend on canceled claims 1 and 4 and therefore cannot be determined which claims these claims depend from.

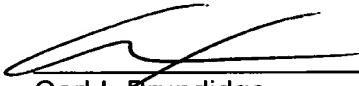
In response to the September 14, 2005 Communication, Applicants are submitting on even date herewith an Amendment wherein claims 40 and 41 now depend from claim 39 and claims 43-48 now depend from claim 42. Accordingly,

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner continue with examination of the above-referenced application.

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AMENDMENT

MS Amendment

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September 19, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 21, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims

Remarks are included following the amendments.